### **Beech Springs Intermediate**

P.O. Box 411

Duncan, South Carolina 29334

**Grades** 4–6 Elementary School

**Enrollment** 726 Students

**Principal** Kimberly B. Ashby 864–949–7600

**Superintendent** Dr. Scott Turner 864–949–2350

**Board Chair** Mr. James Corne 864–949–2350

### THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## <del>2006</del>

# ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

#### ABSOLUTE RATING

#### AVERAGE

Absolute Ratings of Elementary Schools with Students like Ours

Excellent Good Average Below Average Unsatisfactory

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#### IMPROVEMENT RATING

AVERAGE

#### **ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS**

#### NO

This school met 21 out of 23 objectives. The objectives included performance and participation of students in various groups.

Definition: As required by the United States Department of Education, Adequate Yearly Progress specifies that the statewide target is met for All Students and for the following subgroups: Racial/Ethnic, Subsidized Meals, Disability, and Limited English Proficiency.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE GOAL

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

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PERFORMANCE TRENDS OVER 4-YEAR PERIOD							
	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress				
2003	Good	Unsatisfactory	No				
2004	Good	Below Average	No				
2005	Average	Average	No				
2006	Average	Average	No				

#### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

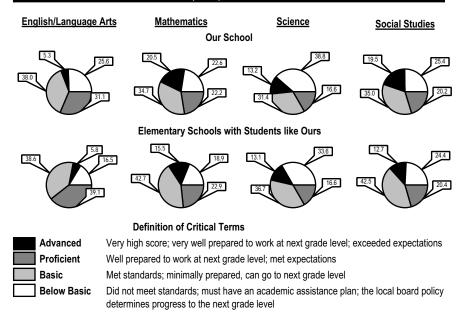
- Excellent School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- •Good School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Average School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Below Average School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Unsatisfactory School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal

#### PERCENT OF STUDENT PACT RECORDS MATCHED FOR PURPOSES OF COMPUTING IMPROVEMENT RATING

Percent of students tested in 2005-06 whose 2004-05 test scores were located.

95.9%

#### PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT)



PACT PERFORMANCE BY GRO	DUP								
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Engli	/ ish/Langua	ge Arts -	State Per		Objective	e = 38.2%			
All Students	750	99.3	25.3	38.1	31.2	5.3	47.9	Yes	Yes
Gender									
Male	404	99.5	33.1	38.2	26.1	2.7	39.8	N/A	N/A
Female	346	99.1	16.4	38.1	37.2	8.4	57.3	N/A	N/A
Racial/Ethnic Group									
White	534	100.0	19.9	37.0	36.4	6.6	54.5	Yes	Yes
African American	159	100.0	35.6	46.3	16.8	1.3	31.5	Yes	Yes
Asian/Pacific Islander	16	100.0	40.0	20.0	26.7	13.3	46.7	I/S	I/S
Hispanic	40	87.5	54.5	27.3	18.2	0.0	21.2	I/S	Yes
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/S	I/S
Disability Status									
Not Disabled	635	99.2	17.7	40.7	35.5	6.1	54.9	N/A	N/A
Disabled	115	100.0	70.3	22.8	5.9	1.0	6.9	No	Yes
Migrant Status									
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non-Migrant	750	99.3	25.3	38.1	31.2	5.3	47.9	N/A	N/A
English Proficiency									
Limited English Proficient	28	82.1	61.9	19.0	19.0	0.0	23.8	I/S	1/8
Non-Limited English Proficient	722	100.0	24.2	38.7	31.6	5.5	48.7	N/A	N/A
Socio-Economic Status									
Subsidized meals	416	99.0	33.9	42.6	21.1	2.3	36.3	Yes	Yes
Full-pay meals	334	99.7	14.7	32.7	43.6	9.0	62.2	N/A	N/A
	Mathemati	cs – State	Performa	ance Ohie	ective = 36	3.7%			
All Students	750	99.9	22.5	34.7	22.2	20.5	56.1	Yes	Yes
Gender		00.0	22.0	•		20.0	00.1	. 00	
Male	404	99.8	23.6	37.0	21.2	18.2	53.4	N/A	N/A
Female	346	100.0	21.3	32.1	23.5	23.1	59.3	N/A	N/A
Racial/Ethnic Group	-			-			-		
White	534	100.0	17.9	32.2	24.3	25.6	61.8	Yes	Yes
African American	159	100.0	37.6	40.9	13.4	8.1	38.3	Yes	Yes
Asian/Pacific Islander	16	100.0	13.3	26.7	40.0	20.0	73.3	I/S	1/5
Hispanic	40	97.5	28.6	48.6	20.0	2.9	42.9	I/S	Yes
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/S	1/5
Disability Status		1411		1411		1411	1411		
Not Disabled	635	99.8	16.1	36.6	24.2	23.2	62.1	N/A	N/A
Disabled	115	100.0	60.4	23.8	10.9	5.0	20.8	No	Yes
Migrant Status									
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non-Migrant	750	99.9	22.5	34.7	22.2	20.5	56.1	N/A	N/A
English Proficiency								,, .	.,,,
Limited English Proficient	28	100.0	37.5	33.3	29.2	0.0	41.7	I/S	1/9
Non-Limited English Proficient	722	99.9	22.0	34.8	22.0	21.2	56.6	N/A	N/A
Socio-Economic Status				55			55.5	,, .	,,
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Subsidized meals

Full-pay meals

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Yes

PACT PERFORMANCE BY GR	OUP						,
	Enrollment 1st Day of Testin	% Tested	% Below Basic	% Basic	% Proficient	% Advanced	% Proficient and Advance.
All Students	750	99.3	ience 38.6	31.5	16.7	13.2	29.9
Gender							
Male	404	99.5	41.4	28.5	18.0	12.1	30.1
Female	346	99.1	35.3	35.0	15.2	14.6	29.7
Racial/Ethnic Group	0.0	0011	00.0	00.0	10.2		20.1
White	534	100.0	31.4	32.4	19.3	16.9	36.2
African American	159	100.0	59.7	26.8	9.4	4.0	13.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	16	100.0	26.7	53.3	6.7	13.3	20.0
Hispanic	40	87.5	57.6	30.3	12.1	0.0	12.1
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disability Status	IN/A	IN/A	IN/A	IN/A	11//	IN/A	IN/A
Not Disabled	635	99.2	32.7	34.5	18.2	14.6	32.8
Disabled	115	100.0	73.3	13.9	7.9	5.0	12.9
Migrant Status	110	100.0	13.3	13.9	7.9	5.0	12.9
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
•							29.9
Non-Migrant	750	99.3	38.6	31.5	16.7	13.2	29.9
English Proficiency	1 00	05.7	F0.4	07.0	40.0	0.0	40.0
Limited English Proficient	28	85.7	59.1	27.3	13.6	0.0	13.6
Non-Limited English Proficient	722	99.9	37.9	31.6	16.8	13.7	30.5
Socio-Economic Status	140	00.0	40.0	00.0	45.4	0.0	04.4
Subsidized meals	416	99.0	48.8	30.0	15.1	6.0	21.1
Full-pay meals	334	99.7	26.0	33.3	18.6	22.1	40.7
		Casia	Studies				
All Students	750	99.3	25.0	35.1	20.3	19.6	39.9
Gender	730	99.3	25.0	33.1	20.3	19.0	39.9
Male	404	00.5	28.0	20.5	22.0	17.5	39.5
	1	99.5		32.5	22.0		
Female	346	99.1	21.7	38.1	18.3	22.0	40.2
Racial/Ethnic Group	F04	400.0	00.5	22.0	04.7	04.4	45.0
White	534	100.0	20.5	33.6	21.7	24.1	45.9
African American	159	100.0	36.9	40.9	14.8	7.4	22.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	16	100.0	6.7	46.7	26.7	20.0	46.7
Hispanic	40	87.5	48.5	27.3	18.2	6.1	24.2
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disability Status					22.1		
Not Disabled	635	99.2	19.2	36.5	22.1	22.2	44.3
Disabled	115	100.0	59.4	26.7	9.9	4.0	13.9
Migrant Status							
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non-Migrant	750	99.3	25.0	35.1	20.3	19.6	39.9
English Proficiency							
Limited English Proficient	28	85.7	50.0	22.7	22.7	4.5	27.3
Non-Limited English Proficient	722	99.9	24.2	35.5	20.2	20.1	40.3
Socio-Economic Status							
Subsidized meals	416	99.0	35.2	37.1	18.0	9.7	27.7
Full-pay meals	334	99.7	12.5	32.7	23.1	31.7	54.8

PACT	PERFORMA	ANCE BY GRA	DE LEVEL					
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				English/Lar	iguage Arts			
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8	5	235	100.0	25.8	47.0	25.3	1.8	27.2
2	6	230	100.0	27.8	38.8	26.8	6.7	33.5
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
-	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
-	3 4	N/A 279	N/A 99.3	N/A 26.4	N/A 39.9	N/A 29.8	N/A 3.9	N/A 33.7
9	5	279	99.5	17.9	45.3	32.5	4.2	36.8
2	6	245	99.2	31.1	29.3	31.6	8.0	39.6
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	4	215	100.0	21.2	32.0	34.0	12.8	46.8
6	5	235	100.0	24.0	46.5	17.5	12.0	29.5
12	6	230	100.0	11.0	34.9	34.0	20.1	54.1
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-	3 4	N/A 279	N/A 100.0	N/A 27.8	N/A 28.6	N/A 23.2	N/A 20.5	N/A 43.6
9	5	226	100.0	16.9	45.1	18.8	19.2	38.0
20	6	245	99.6	21.8	32.0	24.4	21.8	46.2
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	4	215	100.0	35.5	39.4	18.2	6.9	25.1
0	5	235	100.0	41.0	27.6	16.1	15.2	31.3
12	6	230	99.6	31.3	35.6	18.8	14.4	33.2
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	4	N/A 279	N/A 99.6	N/A 39.0	N/A 28.2	N/A 20.1	N/A 12.7	N/A 32.8
90	5	226	99.6	29.2	37.3	13.2	20.3	33.5
12	6	245	98.8	46.9	29.9	16.1	7.1	23.2
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
-	8	N/A	N/A	N/A Social	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	215	100.0	20.2	51.2	18.2	10.3	28.6
0	5	235	100.0	30.0	37.8	18.0	14.3	32.3
70	6 7	230 N/A	99.6	17.8	40.4	19.7	22.1 N/A	41.8
	8	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	279	99.6	27.0	32.0	25.9	15.1	40.9
9	5	226	99.6	22.2	35.8	20.8	21.2	42.0
12	6	245	98.8	25.4	37.9	13.4	23.2	36.6
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

SCHOOL PROFILE				
	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n= 726)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	N/R	N/A	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	0.4%	No change	2.8%	2.8%
Attendance rate	97.1%	Up from 96.9%	96.5%	96.4%
Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	0.0%	Down from 4.3%	0.3%	0.0%
Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (Math) off grade level	0.0%	Down from 4.7%	0.2%	0.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	15.4%	Down from 19.6%	12.9%	10.4%
On academic plans	34.4%	N/AV	31.5%	33.6%
On academic probation	0.0%	N/AV	1.3%	1.0%
With disabilities other than speech	13.6%	Down from 14.7%	7.7%	7.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.8%	Down from 1.5%	0.8%	0.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n= 53)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	49.1%	Up from 48.1%	55.6%	53.8%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV		N/AV	N/AV
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.5%	N/A	1.2%	2.4%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year Teacher attendance rate	87.0% 94.6%	Up from 86.7% Down from 94.7%	88.9% 95.0%	87.3% 94.9%
Average teacher salary Prof. development days/teacher	\$41,873 13.9 days	Up 2.3% Up from 13.4 days	\$42,787 13.8 days	\$42,485 13.3 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	12.5 to 1	Down from 14.6 to 1	18.9 to 1	18.6 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.6%	No change	90.1%	89.7%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,570	Up 8.6%	\$6,386	\$6,557
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	67.9%	Down from 68.7%	64.9%	64.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	71.8%		70.0%	69.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
Parents attending conferences	95.5%	Down from 98.4%	99.0%	99.0%
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Character development	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
* Prior year audited financial data are reported				

<sup>\*</sup> Prior year audited financial data are reported.

		Our District		State	
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teacher	ers	8.7%		6.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teach	ers	rs N/A		10.2%	
	Stat	e Objective	Me	t State Objective	
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers in this school		0.0%		No	
Student attendance in this school		94.0%*		Yes	

\*or greater than last year

#### REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Our fourth, fifth, and sixth grade school receives students from three neighboring elementary schools. The school opened in 1996 with 760 students in grades 5 and 6. Five years ago a second intermediate school was opened to accommodate our district's growing population. We now have 715 students in our three intermediate grades with 83 faculty and staff members. Our classrooms are located in four color-coded wings that help students to learn their way around the building and to feel at home. Fifth and sixth grade students select a performing arts class such as band, orchestra, drama, art or music/drama for the year. All students attend physical education and computer lab classes twice a week.

Our community is comprised of a wide variety of families with diverse needs. Approximately 52% of our students participate in the free/reduced lunch program. Our continued association with Erhardt + Leimer, Inc. as a business partner generated 15 employees who worked with students as math and reading mentors, writing journal buddies, and lunch buddies. This year SEW-Eurodrive, Inc. became another business partner who also supplied mentors for several of our students. Through the course of the year, we saw a decrease in absences and behavior problems with all of the students who were mentored by employees from these two local industries. Our active PTO raised money to provide books for classroom libraries and funds for teachers to purchase additional supplies for their classrooms. Eleven of our teachers were awarded grants made possible by PTO funds. Our School Improvement Council once again assisted in preparing the Annual School Summary Report.

This year has been a wonderful year for Beech Springs' students and teachers. With a school-wide emphasis on English/Language Arts, the main focus of our school's staff development plan was involved in improving classroom instruction and teaching students new strategies in reading comprehension. Our teachers, parents and students feel that great strides were made in achieving this goal. We continue to be proud of the accomplishments of our school, students and teachers. In addition to earning individual and state awards, our school has been awarded the following during the 2006-2006 school year: Our school newsletter, The Dolphin Daze, and our school web site received the Rewards for Excellence program award (sponsored by the SC Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association), and our school was awarded a P.L.A.C.E. Grant for a Reading Garden and a Science Lab Green House. Several Beech Springs orchestra students scored Superior at the SC Orchestra Solo and Ensemble Festival and our Beech Springs band received a Superior rating at the SC Band Directors Association Concert Festival.

Beech Springs Intermediate school is an inviting and nurturing place to learn and grow. We welcome all students, parents, and community members to join us as we continue to "Build the Future One Child at a Time."

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS			
	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	60	232	197
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	85.1%	89.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.3%	83.6%	88.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	86.2%	86.8%	82.8%

<sup>\*</sup>Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.